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Larry Howard arranged an interview with
Jimmy Patrick Hemming for last night.
Steve Goldberg drove me to Howard's home
at 12226 Parkville, El Monte, from where we
drove to Patrick's home in the Lapiro apt at
2068 Hoyt, where he arrived about 8 pm.
We chatted for a few moments, then I spoke
toward the end the batteries went dead. When
I no longer at the I ended the interview to
on that end. Howard participated slightly,
Hemming talked most of it. On part, the
major problem in interviewing him is
his endless talking & supplying of un-
necessary detail which, even if true,
make it impossible to hold a line of
quest on any one specific question to be
asked long enough to ask.

Larry moves around a little stiffly.
His getting in and out of Steve's Volkswagen
& back - has to do with the movements of an
old man. He was not very friendly although he
did allude to the manner in which I had
dealt with him & the others in my writing.

Again he drove me to airport. He and
Jimmy & Emma both met me each time.

2 contd. Mary was in very bad condition.
When I went to San Diego on Sunday last
she was so ill that I trusted to breakfast.
On Monday pm D.D. he phoned me to
advise me in time, 6:15 A.M. was at
Charley Brown's at 7:30, carried some of my
bags & then we had a series of interviews
until it departure time. They helped materially,
in many ways, both to making appointments for our
Aunt is going to try & make an effort more
for me to see Tom Beaden, formerly C.I.A., who
he describes as close to the Kennedy's, important
in Betty's campaign (next to ~~Frank~~ Monahan
Hankiewicz & Schinger), moral, intelligent,
impressed, but unwilling to believe. Aunt thinks
he may have turned Beaden on only slightly.
He thinks Beaden can be turned on & is going
to try & arrange a get-together. I said I'd require
only expenses a week meet him in D.C. I would
let him see whatever documents he might want.
Mackinaw has not yet tried to get
in touch with him, through his mother, the
famous director. He thinks M. lives in
Washington. Jim thinks he will run for
Mayor of LA against Gary.

Humming looks even larger than he is. Perhaps this is the effect of his work clothing & combat-type yellow-brown boots & his deepness. He is broad & a little fat. The bellows of flesh showing through his clothes when he sits. Although O'Connell often looked up at Jim Garrison, the same 6-1 height, somehow Humming seems taller & larger. He has light-brown hair, a mustache, and pale blue eyes. His seems to be a friendly face. His hands are not unduly hard, indicating he does not perform hard, common labor, but the presence of a bunch-fist on the ~~left~~ ^{right} hand tells in private, as does his clothes, that his is not an office job. He wears a denim shirt, a denim jacket, and a denim hat. He speaks with assurance, always positively, giving an authoritative impression. When this is combined with his manner of dealing with detail, the effect is disarming, tends to persuade. His presence is peaceful. I had deep doubts. He portrayed himself as well-connected, rather than in the specific things he said like the (big shot) people he had recently talked to in the State Dept. The top people in AID he had talked to about Bob Brown, doing

at Betty Kennedy's, where he spoke as though,
if he hadn't been there, he was ~~was~~ intimate
with those who had been.

It will not be possible to receive or be pushed
out, & it was not possible to take notes.

Furnishings were well worn, showing
the effect of the great height they ~~had~~ been.
They were not new, were of modern design.
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